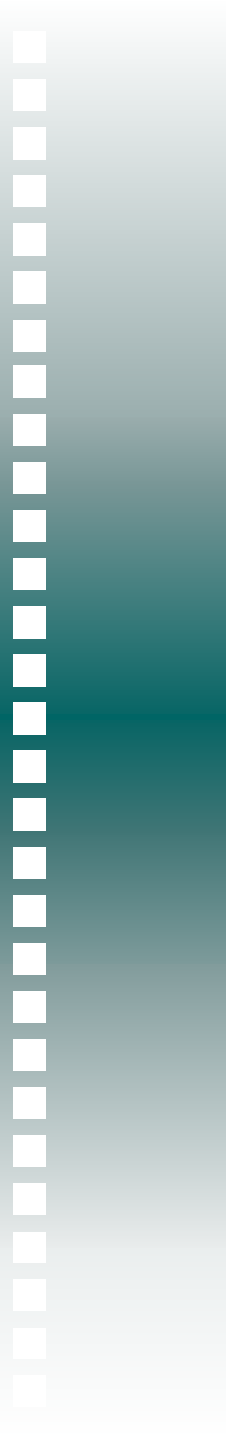


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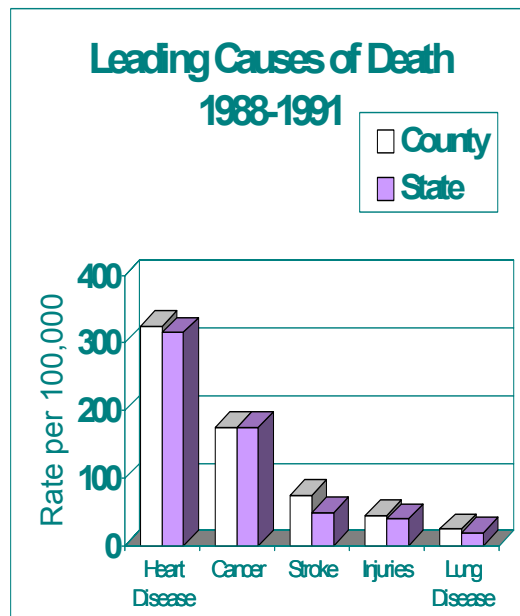
A Cooperative Agreement between
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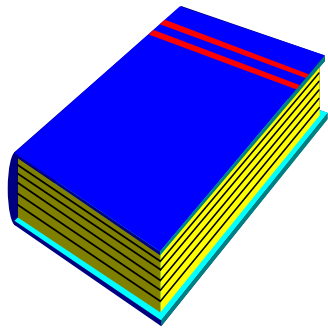
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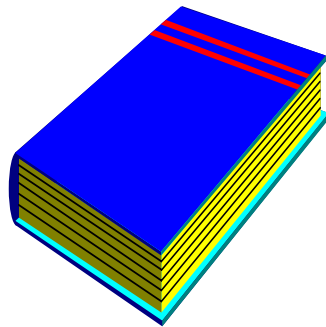
“The committee finds that the core functions of public health agencies at all levels of government are assessment, policy development and assurance.”

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Objectives



- *Healthy People 2000:
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Prevention Objectives*



- *Healthy Communities
2000: Model Standards*

Goals of APEXPH

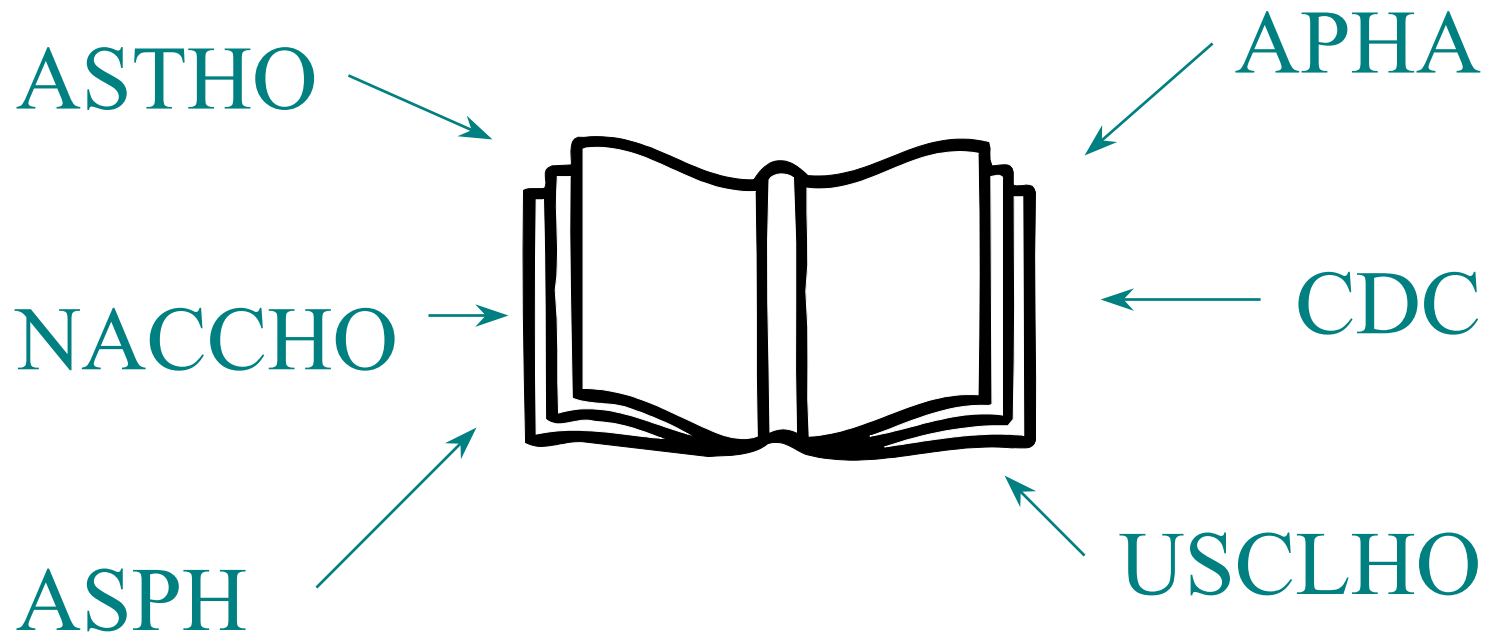


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A Collaborative Effort



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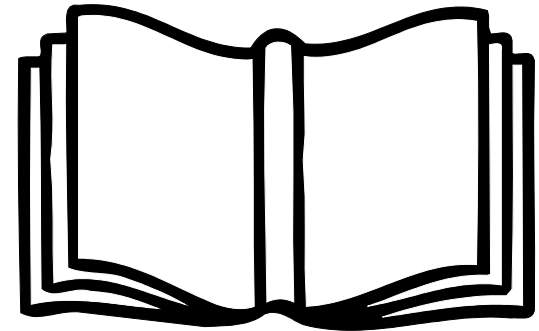
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- Voluntary
- Self-controlled
- Flexible
- Adaptable
- Ongoing

Benefits to Health Department

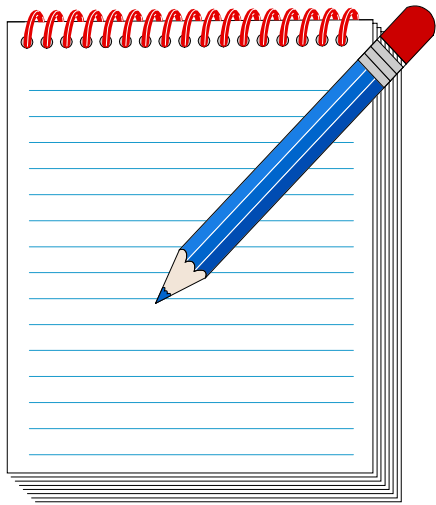
- Identify strengths
- Identify weaknesses
- Develop action plans
- Enhance community involvement
- Garner community support

The *APEXPH* Workbook

- **Part I:** Organizational Capacity Assessment
- **Part II:** The Community Process
- **Part III:** Completing the Cycle



Part I: Organizational Capacity Assessment



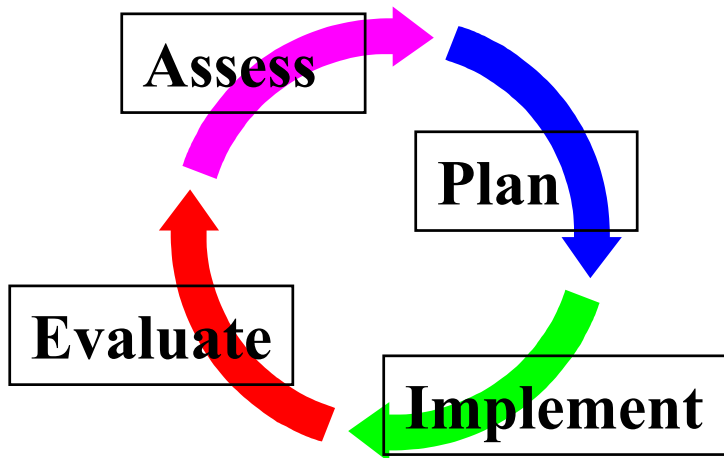
- Prepare for Part I
- Score indicators
- Identify strengths and weaknesses
- Analyze and report strengths
- Analyze weaknesses
- Prioritize problems
- Develop action plan
- Institutionalize process

Part II: The Community Process



- Prepare for Part II
- Collect/analyze health data
- Form committee
- Identify health problems
- Prioritize health problems
- Analyze health problems
- Inventory resources
- Develop community health plan

Part III: Completing the Cycle



- Policy development
- Assurance of implementation of plans
- Assurance of public health services
- Monitoring and evaluation

Requirements

- Organizational commitment to the process
- Willingness to involve others
- Resources
- Organizational commitment to change

Results



- Improved organization
- Improved communication
- Stronger leadership role for LHD

“APEXPH gave us some direction in bringing our programs out of the central office into the community.”



John Welch
Health Officer
Bergenfield, NJ

“It changed a lot of our programs in terms of client accessibility.”

Richard Staiman, MD, JD
Former District Health Director
Savannah, GA

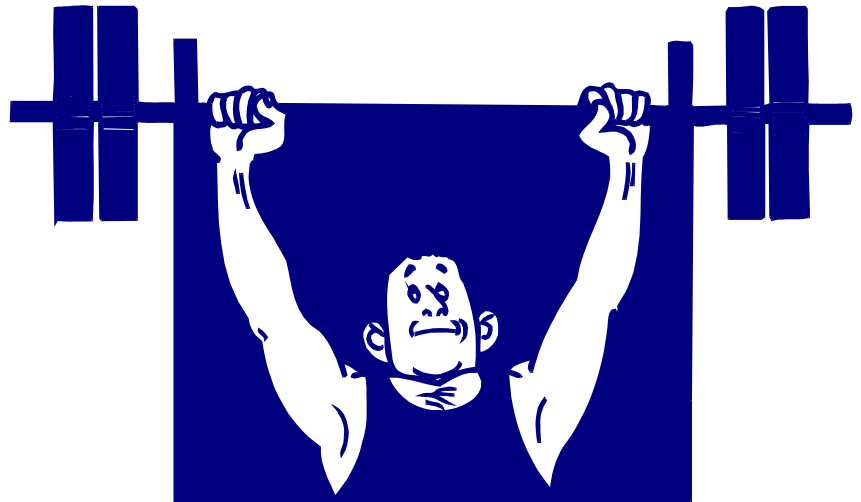
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“...as a result of APEXPH...
we are a much stronger health
department.”

Ronald E. LaNeve
Administrative Director
Elkins, W.Va.



“In the midst of an overwhelming set of local concerns public health is often overlooked. The *APEXPH* process reminds us that public health should be at the forefront of county business.”

Floyd Vrtiska

Pawnee County Commissioner

Table Rock, NE

